



BYLAWS OF THE VANCOUVER POINT-GREY ELECTORAL DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF THE NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Bylaws of the Vancouver Point-Grey Electoral District Association of the New Democratic Party of British Columbia

1. Name:

The name of the association shall be "Vancouver Point Grey Electoral District Association of the New Democratic Party of British Columbia" (the "Association").

2. Object:

The object of the Association shall be to organize on behalf of the New Democratic Party of British Columbia ("The Party") within the geographic boundaries of its electoral district for the purpose of electing Members of the Legislative Assembly, and generally to undertake the furthering of the Party and its aims.

3. Membership:

A. Members of the Association are admitted by the Provincial Executive of the BC NDP and must be:

- i. A resident of British Columbia who is also a Canadian citizen or Permanent Resident, with discretion granted to the Provincial Executive to grant membership approval in special circumstances.
- ii. Twelve (12) years of age or older
- iii. A member in good standing of the BC NDP
- iv. A resident of the Vancouver-Point Grey riding

B. Upon written application, the Executive of the Association may, with the concurrence of the Provincial Executive, admit to membership any member of the Party who lives in another provincial constituency. Such admittance shall not be unreasonably withheld.

4. General Meetings:

- A. An "Annual General Meeting" shall be held in each calendar year.
- B. Business of the Annual General Meeting shall include an election of the Officers and Executive of the Association and consideration of an annual financial report.
- C. Fourteen (14) days notice of all general meetings shall be given to members of the Association. Members who have not provided an email address must be contacted by regular mail.
- D. The Notice shall be deemed received by each member on the day following:
 - i. the day the email was sent; or
 - ii. the day the Notice was placed in a Canada Post mail receptacle.
- E. Quorum for general meetings shall be the lesser of fifteen (15) members or five (5) percent of the current Association membership.
- F. All members in good standing may participate in the election of Officers and the Executive. 'Grace' members whose membership is less than 30 days expired may renew their membership and vote by making a donation in advance of the call to order of the Annual General Meeting.
- G. Upon the written request of 20 members in good standing and within 30 days upon receipt of such written request, the Executive shall call a general meeting.
- H. Annual General Meetings shall be governed by the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised except in cases where they conflict with these Bylaws or the BC NDP Constitution.

5. Officers & Executive

- A. The Officers of the Association consist of:

- **President**

- Responsible for the organization of the Point Grey NDP. Duties include chairing meetings, communicating with Provincial Office and Provincial Executive, and organizing Annual General Meetings

- **Vice-President**

- Responsible for the duties of the president in their absence. Additionally responsible for chairing at least one sub-committee.

- **Treasurer**

- Responsible for the finances of the Point Grey NDP, the administration of

reimbursements, and receiving of donations.

- **Recording Secretary**

Responsible for taking minutes at all meetings of the Point Grey NDP, as well as the keeper of records.

- **Membership Secretary**

Responsible for tracking memberships of the Point Grey NDP, as well as working with members and officers to recruit new members.

- **Provincial Council Delegate**

Responsible for attending all Provincial Council meetings, representing the Point Grey NDP, and reporting back on the workings of Provincial Council

- **Past-President**

After a President decides not to run again, they are asked to stand for the role of Past-President to serve as a point of transition for the new President. Only the outgoing President can be nominated for this role, and their appointment requires a simple majority vote at an annual general meeting.

B. The Executive of the Association shall consist of nine (9) members at large, as well as the current BC NDP Member of the Legislative Assembly elected to represent the constituency.

C. Any officer or member at large may also sit as a representative of the Point Grey NDP on the following BC NDP Committees or Caucuses:

- Women's and Gender Rights Committee Representative
- BC Young New Democrats Representative
- Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) Caucus Representative
- Indigenous Peoples Committee Representative
- Persons Living with Disabilities Caucus Representative
- Indigenous, Black, People of Colour (IBPOC) Committee Representative

- Standing Committee on the Economy and the Environment Representative
- Standing Committee on Agriculture Representative

6. Executive Makeup and Elections:

- A. The Executive shall be composed of 50% or more people who are two spirit, women, non-binary and gender diverse.
- B. Quorum for Executive meetings shall be five (5) members of the Executive, two (2) of which must be Officers.
- C. Any member of the Executive who, without good reason and prior notice, misses three consecutive meetings of the Executive, may be deemed by a vote of the Executive to have vacated office.

7. Executive Powers:

- A. Subject to these Bylaws and the BC NDP Constitution, the Executive shall be the governing body of the Association between general meetings.
- B. The Executive may appoint one or more committee(s) to fulfil various functions as deemed necessary to fulfill the objects of these Bylaws.
- C. Decisions of the Executive will be based on a simple majority vote, with each Officer having one vote, except the President who shall only exercise their vote in the event of a tie.
- D. In the event of a tie, the President shall have the deciding vote.
- E. The Executive may appoint by simple majority vote an interim Officer or Executive member to fill a vacancy who may serve until the subsequent general meeting at which time the position shall be declared vacant and a permanent replacement elected.
- F. The Executive may appoint additional Executive members from the members of the Association but such appointees shall not have any voting privileges at Executive meetings.

8. Financial Review:

The accounts of the Executive of the Association and of all persons authorized by the Association to receive or disburse money on its behalf may be subject to independent third party review at the request of the Party President, Provincial Executive, Provincial Council, or by a resolution of the Executive or general meeting of the Association. The findings of any such review shall be reported to the requesting body.

9. Convention Delegates:

- A. Delegates to a Provincial Convention shall be elected in accordance with Article 8 of the BC NDP Constitution.
- B. The Association's delegates to a Provincial Convention shall be elected at a general meeting.
- C. Members of a YND chartered campus club whose representation is obtained in accordance with Article 4 of the BC NDP Constitution may not be eligible to attend Convention.

10. Nomination of Candidates

- A. Each Provincial Electoral District Association shall be responsible for the nomination of candidates for election to the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia in its electoral district. Should it fail to nominate, the Provincial Executive may name a candidate or candidates.
- B. Those individuals entitled to nominate and vote at a Nomination Convention of a Provincial Electoral District Association shall be only those members who have been in good standing in the BC NDP and resident within the electoral district boundaries of the Association for at least 90 days prior to a Nomination Convention. Membership forms for new members must have been received at Provincial Office during normal business hours at least 90 days prior to a Nomination Convention.
- C. Each person entitled to vote at a Nomination Convention, including the chairperson, shall have only one vote.
- D. All persons proposed as candidates of the BC NDP shall be only those BC NDP members who have been in good standing for at least 90 days prior to a Nominating Convention. All prospective candidates shall obtain approval from the Provincial Director prior to the Nomination Convention. The membership requirement may be waived in special circumstances upon application by the prospective candidate to the Provincial Director before the date of the Nomination Convention.
- E. The Provincial Executive may make regulations governing the nomination of candidates for provincial office.
- F. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 14, complaints arising from the conduct of Nomination Conventions for public office shall be referred to the Provincial Executive. The Provincial Executive shall determine if the complaint will be heard by written submissions or by a hearing. The parties to the dispute shall each be entitled to one representative at any hearing. The decision of the Provincial Executive shall be final.

11. Amendment:

- A. These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote at a general meeting, provided that fourteen (14) days' notice of any proposed amendment has been given to members of the Association.
- B. These Bylaws and any amendments hereto must receive the approval of the Provincial Executive to be of any force or effect.

12. Primacy of BC NDP Constitution:

- A. In the case of a conflict between these Bylaws and the BC NDP Constitution, the BC NDP Constitution shall prevail.

13. Reference:

- A. These Bylaws were adopted by a duly constituted general meeting on [Month Day, Year] and were approved by the Provincial Executive on [Month Day, Year].
- B. These Bylaws were last amended by a duly constituted general meeting on October 21st 2018 and said amendments were approved by the Provincial Executive on February 20th, 2020.